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SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES COUP D'ETAT: RENE OUTLINES POLICIES AND
NEW CABINET

1. "PRESIDENT" FRANCE ALBERT RENE DELIVERED BRIEF, LONG-AWAITED
RADIO ADDRESS AT 2130 JUNE 6. AS WAS CASE IN JUNE 5 SPEECH, HIS
REMARKS WERE MODERATE IN TONE.

2. ON DOMESTIC POLITICAL FRONT, HE SAID RECENT EVENTS HAD
NECESSITATED ABROGATION OF CONSTITUTION AND DISSOLUTION OF
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. SEYCHELLES WILL BE RULED FOR TIME BEING "BY
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE" PENDING DRAFTING OF NEW CONSTITUTION,
PROCESS WHICH HE HOPED WOULD NOT TAKE LONG. MEANWHILE, ALL
LAWS WILL REMAIN IN FORCE. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF NEW
CABINET COMPOSED OF SEVEN MINISTERS (COMPARED WITH 11 IN MANCHAM
GOVERNMENT) ALL FROM HIS SEYCHELLES PEOPLE'S UNITED PARTY (SPUP).
NEW MINISTERS AND PORTFOLIOS ARE:

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MAXIME FERRARI - AGRICULTURE

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MATTHEW SERVINA - LABOR AND HEALTH

OGILVIE BERLOUIS - INTERNAL AFFAIRS (IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE)

JAMES MICHELLE - ADMINISTRATION AND INFORMATION

(IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE)

RENE ADDED, WITHOUT BEING SPECIFIC, THAT HE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OTHER FUNCTIONS. (BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON NEW GOVERNMENT BY SEPTTEL).

3. ON ECONOMIC POLICY, HE PLEDGED NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD STRIVE TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC LOT OF ALL SEYCHELLOIS, INCLUDING PROVIDING HOUSING AND JOBS FOR ALL. HE SAID PRICE CONTROLS WOULD BE IMPOSED (AND STRICTLY ENFORCED) AND HINTED THAT A NEW LAND POLICY MAY BE DEVELOPED. HE CALLED FOR HARD WORK AND NATIONAL DISCIPLINE. FOREIGNERS WORKING IN SEYCHELLES WERE WELCOME TO REMAIN AS LONG AS THEY RESPECTED SEYCHELLOIS. IN REMARKS OBVIOUSLY DIRECTED AT DARKER SKINNED PORTION OF POPULATION (WHO CONSTITUTE MASS OF SPUP SUPPORTERS), RENE SAID NO FORM OF DISCRIMINATION WOULD BE TOLERATED.

4. IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, RENE SAID SEYCHELLES WOULD ABIDE BY ALL AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT AND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE NON-ALIGNED.

5. FULL TEXT OF RENE'S SPEECH WILL BE POUCHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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